

Older Americans Advisory Board

Minutes- February 6, 2014

Chairperson Carlisle called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was established and the minutes of the 1/2/2014 meeting were approved. Guest and program participants were introduced: Monroe County Commissioner George Neugent, Guidance Care Center, Director of Transportation, Maureen Grynewicz, Mr. Michael Salem of S.T.E.P.S. and Marlene Steckley of the County Social Services.

Mr. Salem's presentation was an excellent explanation of the role of S.T.E.P.S. in Monroe County and the somewhat complicated relationship concerning grants from the Alliance for Aging. It gave the board better understanding about programs that were available, as well as those that could be, if the need was known.

Commissioner Neugent deferred the topic of Transportation to Maureen Grynewicz. She discussed the day to day running of the vast transportation system, which for the most part can handle the problems that may arise. However, some can't be resolved and in "big picture" the problems are far and few between.

Commissioner Neugent brought us up to date on the county's current issues such as waste-water programs, insurance and the efforts of FIRM, the Congressional proposals concerning the Biggert-Waters Act & FEMA. His final comments concerned the County's budget, which is looking good and stressed the importance of residents' directly contacting commissioners and department heads with their concerns.

The last speaker, Marlene Steckley reported that there was still money available for utility assistance and rental assistance, and nutritional services being free.

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Note: Because of the program running over the allotted time the Board's meeting was not held

Old Business:

Up-dating the data of the current membership of the Board

New Business:

None

Adjournment 12:25 pm

Respectfully,

J. D. Grech
Board Secretary

